

Miami-Dade County 2010 County Commissioner Candidates Candidate Qualifying Information

QUALIFICATIONS: [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 1, Section 1.04]

1. Qualified elector of Miami-Dade County.
2. Resident of Miami-Dade County at least three (3) years prior to qualifying.
3. Resident of District at least six (6) months prior to qualifying.

TYPE OF ELECTION: Nonpartisan [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.03]

ELECTION AREA: District Area [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 1, Section 1.03]

DISTRICTS TO BE ELECTED: [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(A)]

District	Incumbent
2	Dorrian D. Rolle
4	Sally A. Heyman
6	Rebeca Sosa
8	Katy Sorenson
10	Javier D. Souto
12	Jose "Pepe" Diaz

TERM: Four (4) years, commencing November 2010 [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(A)]

The term for County Commissioners shall commence on the second Tuesday next succeeding the date of the general election in November. [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(C)]

SALARY: \$6,000.00 [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 1, Section 1.06]

ELECTION DATES: August 24, 2010 – Primary [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(A)]
November 2, 2010 – General [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01(B)]

PUBLIC FINANCING: If applying to receive contributions from the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund, need to file an Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund ([Form MD-ED 13](#)) no later than ninety (90) days after opening a campaign account or thirty (30) days before the first day of qualifying with the Supervisor of Elections whichever shall come first. Since the 30th day before the first day of qualifying falls on a Sunday, the deadline will be Friday, April 30, 2010. [Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-22 (C)]

QUALIFYING DATES: 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2010, through Noon, Tuesday, June 15, 2010
[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04(A)]

A qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period (May 18, 2010), to be processed and filed during the qualifying period. [F.S. 99.061(8)]

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QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

The following items must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department:

Qualifying Method – Qualifying Fee

1. State of Florida Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))* must be filed within 10 days of filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository
3. Receipt of Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))*
4. Campaign Treasurer's Report Electronic Filing Requirements for Miami-Dade County ([Form MD-ED 10](#))* must be filed within 10 days of filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository
5. Declaration and First Amendment Waiver ([MDC Ethics Comm. Waiver](#)) – (optional)
6. Loyalty Oath for Miami-Dade County – County Commissioner ([Form MD-ED 21](#))
7. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest – 2009 ([CE Form 6](#)) along with any other applicable forms (Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with filing officer at time of qualifying)
8. Qualifying fee of \$360.00 is to be paid by means of a check drawn from the candidate's campaign account as prescribed in Florida Statutes 106.11(1)(a) made payable to **“Board of County Commissioners.”** (Filing fee of \$300.00 plus a 1% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009, Election Assessment fee). [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04(A) & Florida Statutes 99.092(1)]

** These forms must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department at time of announcing candidacy.*

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Qualifying Method – Petitions

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5. Declaration and First Amendment Waiver ([MDC Ethics Comm. Waiver](#)) – (optional)
6. Loyalty Oath for Miami-Dade County – County Commissioner ([Form MD-ED 21](#))
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8. Candidate Petition ([Form DS-DE 104](#))

Who Can Sign Petitions? [F.S. 99.095]

Any registered elector in the geographical area of candidacy may sign a petition.

Signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository pursuant to s. 106.021 and valid only for the qualifying period immediately following such filings.

Petition signatures of at least 1% of the total registered electors in the geographical area represented by the office sought for the immediately preceding general election.

2010 Petition Signature Requirements by District for Miami-Dade County Commissioner Registered Voters as of Book Closing on October 6, 2008

District #	# Registered Voters in District	1%
1	102,630	1,026
2	90,970	909
3	92,059	921
4	95,082	951
5	80,203	802
6	84,728	847
7	111,917	1,119
8	111,789	1,118
9	106,048	1,060
10	95,757	958
11	104,914	1,049
12	82,254	823
13	84,967	850

Deadline for Submitting Petitions: [F.S. 99.095]

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Candidates must submit petitions for verification to the Miami-Dade Elections Department no later than noon on the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period (May 4, 2010).

There is a charge of 10 cents per name for verification of signatures, which must be paid upon submission of petitions or the candidate may file an "Affidavit of Undue Burden" ([Form MD-ED 24](#)) with the Miami-Dade Elections Department to waive the cost of verification. [F.S. 99.097(4)]

Supervisor of Elections must certify the number of valid signatures no later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period (May 25, 2010) and submit such certification to the Division of Elections. [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04(B)]

If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures, he/she may still qualify by paying the qualifying fee.

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Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund [Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-22]

1. If applying for Public Funding you must file the Public Financing Acknowledgement Statement ([MD-ED 11](#))
2. File the Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund for Initial and Run-off Elections ([MD-ED 13](#)) no later than ninety (90) days after opening a campaign account or thirty (30) days before the first day of qualifying with the Supervisor of Elections whichever shall come first. Since the 30th day before the first day of qualifying falls on a Sunday, the deadline will be Friday, April 30, 2010.
3. Submit the Contributions List for Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund ([MD-ED 15](#)) before or at least twenty (20) business days prior to the first day of Qualifying for Office after applying for Public Funding or May 4, 2010
4. Receive the required number of contributions between \$100 and \$500 from the required number of qualified contributors in the District (at least 300 but no more than 360 contributors)
5. Limit the loans or contributions from the candidate's personal funds to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)
6. Candidate and Campaign Treasurer attend a seminar conducted by the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission
7. Trigger Reporting Form for Public Financing Candidates Only ([MD-ED 16](#)) (Miami-Dade County Code Section 12-22). Any candidate for County Mayor or County Commissioner that is participating in the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund, must file a report within 24 hours of receiving contributions or making expenditures that exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable expenditure limits. The expenditure limits are as follows:

Initial election for County Commissioner	\$200,000	(100%)
Run-off election for County Commissioner	\$150,000	(100%)

Such reports must be filed with the Miami-Dade Elections Department using the "Trigger Reporting Form" together with a Campaign Treasurer's Report covering the period from the date of the last report to the date that the ceiling was reached. Additionally, the Campaign Treasurer's Report must be filed electronically thru the website provided by the Elections Department.

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CANDIDATE FORMS

The following list is a compilation of forms to be used by County Commissioner candidates and their campaign treasurers that qualify with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department. For your convenience, a hyperlink has been provided for each form.

Opening of Account	
DS-DE 9	State of Florida Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
DS-DE 84	Statement of Candidate
MD-ED 2	Receipt of Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida
MD-ED 10	Campaign Treasurer's Report Electronic Filing Requirements for Miami-Dade County
MDC Ethics Comm. Waiver	Declaration and First Amendment Waiver – optional)
Public Funding	
MD-ED 11	Public Financing Acknowledgement Statement
MD-ED 13	Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund
MD-ED 15	Contributions List for Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund
MD-ED 16	Trigger Reporting Form – 24 hours after exceeding 100% of the applicable ceiling
ACH FORM	Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit of Miami-Dade County Warrants
Qualifying	
DS-DE 104	Candidate Petition
MD-ED 24	Affidavit of Undue Burden – if unable to pay for the verification of the signatures
MD-ED 21	Loyalty Oath for Miami-Dade County – County Commissioner
CE Form 6	Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest – 2009; along with any other forms if applicable
MD-ED 12	Irrevocable Statement for Candidates Voluntarily Abiding by Campaign Financing Limits – If not applying for Public Financing, it is voluntary
Campaign Reporting	
DS-DE 12	Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary
DS-DE 13	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Contributions
DS-DE 14	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Expenditures
DS-DE 94	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Fund Transfers
DS-DE 87	Waiver of Report
DS-DE 86	Request for Return of Contribution
DS-DE 2	Contributions Returned
Termination Reports	
DS-DE 73	Campaign Loans Report
DS-DE 73A	Campaign Loans Report Itemized
Elected Officials – Opening an Office Account	
DS-DE 48	Office Account Report
DS-DE 48A	Office Account Disbursement or Deposit Information

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Reporting Dates for Candidate Treasurer Reports](#)
- [2009 Election Laws of the State of Florida](#)
- [Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances](#)
- [Miami-Dade County Home Rule Amendment and Charter](#)
- [Year on Ballot and Terms of Offices](#)
- [2010 List of Offices to be Elected](#)
- [Precincts in County Commission Districts](#)